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LOK SABHA

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VAN VIGYAN KENDRAS
Kharventhan Shri Salarapatty Kuppusamy

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to set up Van Vigyan Kendras in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the locations identified for setting up of the same, State-wise;

(c) the time by which the new Kendras are likely to be set up;

(d) whether it is also proposed to provide insurance cover for trees; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S.REGUPATHY)

(a) Yes, Sir. Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE), Dehradun has initiated the process to establish Van Vigyan Kendras in States and Union Territories of the Country.

(b) It is proposed to establish two Van Vigyan Kendras in each State/UTs. However, in smaller States/UTs, initially one Van Vigyan Kendra each will be established. Suitable locations are being identified with the help of State Forest Departments/UTs Administrations concerned.

(c) Van Vigyan Kendras as proposed above in answer (b) would be set up during XI Five Year Plan.

(d) & (e) No, Sir.